

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Imageable articles comprising positive working polymeric coatings on substrates are
given a heat treatment as part of their manufacture, notably at a moderate temperature for an
extended period. This heat treatment improves the development characteristics of the coatings in
use. It has been found that by carrying out the heat treatment on articles wrapped in a
water-impermeable material or in a humidity-enhanced oven, development characteristics may be
10 further improved, especially adjacent to the edges of articles. The imageable articles include
precursors for lithographic printing plates and for printed circuits.

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